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	5,481,168	1/96	Mutoh et al		
	5,821,727	10/98	Yura		
	6,229,718	5/01	Nilssen et al		
	6,377,018	4/02	Tajima et al		

Foreign Patent Documents

Document No.	Date	Country	Class Subclass	Translation Yes No
7-163188	6/95	Japan		
2001-314090	11/01	Japan		

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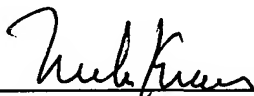
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-223066, filed in Japan on July 24, 2001.

The certified copy of the above-referred to Japanese Patent Application was filed on April 9, 2002 in prior application Serial No. 10/099,973, filed March 19, 2002.

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